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## For Immediate Release

## Kentucky Transportation Cabinet seeks public input on 20-year plan

Survey will help plan strategy for improved system

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Jan. 7, 2013)** – In 2035, what will be our transportation needs for Kentucky? Will our focus be on maintaining and improving existing roadways, constructing new roads, or issues concerning other modes of transportation? Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials are asking these questions as they update the Kentucky Long Range Transportation Plan.

In determining the transportation needs for all areas of Kentucky over the next two decades, the updated plan will consider changes in communities, freight movement, financial resources, economic development, rural and urban transportation, the environment and other transportation issues that are impacting you.

The process of updating the Kentucky Long Range Transportation Plan has begun. The new plan will be an overarching policy guide with goals, objectives, and strategies to address the core transportation opportunities and challenges facing each of us.

"A strong transportation system is vital to a strong economy and key to maintaining a high quality of life for Kentucky residents and those who travel through the state," Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock said. "This long-range plan currently in the works is the perfect way to establish our transportation focus for the next two decades."

As part of the planning process, The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has designed and will widely distribute a confidential public survey to gauge the transportation expectations of all those who travel the state.

The "Your Turn" survey will run Jan. 9-Feb. 25. It consists of 19 questions concerning demographics, transportation needs and desires, and funding options. Your input will be used to plan for the future transportation system for you, your family and your community.

The survey will be available in electronic and hard copy form in English and Spanish. A link to the "Your Turn" survey and other transportation information can be found by visiting <a href="www.transportation.ky.gov">www.transportation.ky.gov</a> and clicking on the "Your Turn" survey link. You can also access "Your Turn" directly at the link <a href="yourturn.transportation.ky.gov">yourturn.transportation.ky.gov</a>. This direct link will also provide compiled survey results in late 2013 as well as other information throughout the update of this Long Range Plan.

Paper surveys are available at:

- KYTC highway district offices
- Area Development District offices
- Metropolitan Planning Organization offices
- Transportation Cabinet Office Building, 200 Mero St., Frankfort

Call (502) 564-3419 weekdays from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. eastern time for information or to request a survey.

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